

SUFFS OPEN GOLDEN JUBILEE IN ST. LOUIS

Delegates Flock to Convention From All Parts of the Country.

MRS. CATT FIRST SPEAKER

Dr. Anna Shaw Denies Women Plan Organization of New Political Party.

St. Louis, March 24.—More than 500 prominent women from different parts of the United States are in St. Louis to-day to attend the Golden Jubilee of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association, which opened here to-night. Delegates were arriving on nearly every train, and it was expected there would be between 600 and 700 here before morning.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, honorary president of the association, gave the invocation at the opening session. Mayor Kiel extended the welcome of the city, and Mrs. Walter McNab Miller, chairman of the Missouri delegation, gave the welcome on behalf of the State.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, national president, spoke on "Why the United States has lagged behind in the granting of votes to women." Mrs. Morrison Fuller of the Daughters of the Pioneers also spoke. The ancestors of members of the society attending the convention of the suffrage convention held in St. Louis in 1872.

Better Class of Women Vote.

"We have found through experience that women are taking a keener interest in public affairs and that the better class of women always vote," Mrs. Emma Smith De Vos, president of the National Council of Women Voters of Tacoma, said to-day. "It is charged by some opponents of the movement that the better class of women will not vote, and some persons charge that women are not qualified to pass on big questions. This is not true. We have watched these points carefully and have found that the better class of women who take interest and vote."

There is not the faintest possibility of the formation of a third party for women at the present suffrage convention. This statement was made by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw in denying the reports to the effect that the St. Louis convention would see the formation of the first political party of women in the history of this country.

Start Sues Her Campaign.

"It would be disastrous," Dr. Shaw said, "there is no intention of separating ourselves from the suffrage movement. We do not see where there is any room for their origin, unless in the fact that there will be an organization of the voting women of this country at the convention. However, the organization is merely for the purpose of gaining political power for suffrage for those States in which it has been denied."

At noon to-day a suffrage "soapbox" campaign was begun here in the downtown district in connection with the convention. The speakers were Mrs. Walter McNab Miller, president of the Missouri State Suffrage Association, and Mrs. Thomas Cotnam of Little Rock, Ark.

JONAS SUES HEARST IN WELCOME FIGHT

Publisher Accused of Libeling Brooklyn Man.

Papers in a \$250,000 libel suit against the Star Company, publisher of the New York Evening Journal, have just been served by Jonas & Neuberger of 115 Broadway, attorneys for Nathan S. Jonas, who resigned as chairman of the Brooklyn Victory Campaign Committee, following a demand by Borough President Riegelmann and the Hearst papers that James M. Beck be eliminated as a speaker at the Academy of Music mass meeting the night of January 29.

The complaint, after citing that Mr. Jonas is president of the Manufacturers' Trust Company, charges the Journal with printing "a false and libelous editorial concerning him." The editorial, Mr. Jonas alleges, "was intended to and was understood by persons reading the article" to mean that in presiding over the Academy of Music meeting he had acted in a despotical, contemptible and disgraceful manner and had caused persons properly attending said meeting to be arbitrarily and brutally ejected. The complaint says the editorial was untrue and was printed maliciously to injure Mr. Jonas in the eyes of the public.

It is alleged further in the complaint that the Journal sought to convey and succeeded in conveying the impression that Mr. Jonas had not acted on the committee from any patriotic motive, "but merely for the sordid personal end of advancing his private affairs."

It is asserted that Mr. Jonas has for many years been actively engaged in public and philanthropic movements and that he has a wide acquaintance and that the publication of the editorial damaged his reputation to the extent of the amount sued for.

WESTERN UNION STILL BALKS

Will Not Deal With Committee of Striking Messengers.

Officials of the Western Union company yesterday refused to treat with the grievance committee of the striking messengers, the four members of which had been discharged prior to the calling of the strike. They said they were willing to receive a new committee and the strikers agreed to appoint three of their number. They will go to the Western Union office, accompanied by John Healin, mediator of the State Industrial Commission.

Miss Frances Perkins, commissioner of the latter organization, said she had found that the Western Union officials were willing to adjust piece work rates on "dead" and other messages and make concessions as far as better working hours were concerned, but that they were determined to maintain the so-called zone system, which the messengers object to.

Mayor Gets Life Sentence.

CASHMAN, Mass., March 24.—Sentence of life imprisonment was imposed to-day on George H. Shields of Lowell for the murder of Mrs. Rose Trainor. Shields was indicted for murder in the first degree and his trial was to have begun to-day, but it was permitted to change his plea to guilty of murder in the second degree. Shields shot Mrs. Trainor, who was the wife of his nephew, at her home in Lowell, January 26, after a quarrel.

France Returns Brazilian Ship.

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 24.—France is returning to Brazil requisitioned German shipping which was leased after Brazil entered the war, according to an announcement made to-day.

RAINE FOR JUDGES OPPOSED.

Would Put Them in Plutocrat Class, Says Andrew Levy.

Municipal Court Justices will not have their salaries raised from \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year with the approval of the Municipal Court Committee of the New York County Lawyers Association.

"This is no time to raise salaries of public officials earning \$8,000 a year," Andrew M. Levy, chairman of the committee which has made an adverse report on a bill that provides such an increase, said last night. "It is wholly impossible that the judges should be in harmony with the general community so that they can sympathetically and understandingly realize the problem that confronts the great mass of the people. The day of the plutocrat is gone."

"Then again the committee regretfully states that the judges have failed to reorganize the work of the court and the assignment of the judges thereto so that the work would be better and more efficiently distributed. They might give first thought to this problem and meet with greater results at the same money cost."

ONE MAN SHOW AT PALACE THEATRE

Bert Williams Holds the Stage All by Himself for a Time.

The bill at the Palace yesterday consisted in the main of acts in which a one featured player was supported by a company consisting entirely of himself. Bert Williams, the headliner, gave several varied impersonations and the other principal numbers on the programme consisted of protean sketches in which the performer fled a double, triple and sometimes multiple life.

Williams ranged all the way from the divine—represented by his song about the colored person who told the gospel of desecration that he did outside the pulpit was his own business—to the ridiculous, as depicted in his song about the dusky gunman who had something to say about the colored man who was bothered by folks asking him for the key to that cellar as July 1 approached. The song comedian also gave a recitative of "Nobody" at the request of the Old Guard of vaudeville patrons, and told stories, including one about his cousin who followed orders in the circus to clean up his mess and was nearly killed by himself.

Altogether Williams demonstrated that he maintains his ability to shamble into popular favor with his shifts and turns. He sang, "Oliver Twist's" half brother, "Fagin, Sikes, the Artful Dodger and Nancy, and if he hadn't been on the stage in this country at the Palace, he would have been a success in the mob roaring outside the door. He changed into the costumes of these characters and sang a sketch, "Intelligence," arranged about an incident at St. Souplet by Private Hugh Stanislaus Stange and presented by Twenty-seventh Division boys, assisted by a few white hands off stage; Paris and Peru, who danced, sang, played accordions, jumped around barrels and did most of the things that are described as versatility in vaudeville, and the U. S. Jazz Band, whose instruments in their third week still shows no signs of collapsing.

At the Riverside Bernard Granville, who was recruited from vaudeville by the army and was then recruited back again by the two a day, revealed that being the Germans with a camera from an airplane hasn't robbed him of the ability to score bullseyes on theatre-goers. The Burlesque Review at the Columbia indicated, with scenery and chorus, just how far a man can be pushed with "My Wife Won't Let Me."

"Old Hickory" Artillery Greeted.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 24.—Officers and men of the 11th Field Artillery of the Thirtieth (Old Hickory) Division got a rousing welcome home to-day when they paraded gayly bedecked streets. The troops, which arrived here last night, were reviewed by Gov. Rickert, State officials and Mayors of many cities. Streets along the line of march were jammed with thousands of citizens and visitors, who wildly cheered the Tarheel warriors.

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CHEAP FOOD NEAR, SAYS TRADE CHIEF

Chairman Peek of Commerce Board Predicts Early Drop in Prices.

WHEAT AT FAIR COST

Conference With Food Administration in New York Results in Announcement.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Cheaper food in the near future was predicted to-day by Chairman Peek of the Department of Commerce Industrial Board, as a result of a conference with Food Administration officials in New York.

Mr. Peek and William M. Ritter, a member of the board, returned from New York this morning where they went to secure from officials of the Food Administration and its grain corporation a statement of their policy on food prices.

Mr. Peek made this statement: "Food Administration officials felt that it was unfortunate that there had been such general misunderstanding of Mr. Hoover's statement that 'we might see wheat at \$1.50 a bushel.'"

"What Mr. Hoover said was 'We might see wheat at \$1.50 a bushel, as it was in the spring of 1917. If there is a free market in wheat and other crops, so much for the 1917 crop. There can be no free market of 20 percent of the world's exports. As to the 1919 crop, it is of course too early to come to any precise conclusion.'"

"It is clear that, as Mr. Hoover says, 'there can be no free market at present,' in the first place, because of the unsettled conditions in business—especially in shipping and finance."

"Further, the phrasing of the grain appropriation bill clearly indicates that the \$1,000,000,000 appropriation was made by Congress, not only to make good the \$125 guarantee to the farmers, but to enable the Government to sell what wheat and flour at the guaranteed price, or at such price and on such terms or conditions as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the act, and to enable the people of the United States to purchase wheat products at reasonable cost. Wheat is the basic food commodity. What is a reasonable cost must be determined by the conditions. In July the new wheat crop, estimated at 2,400,000,000 bushels, will begin to come to market."

"I believe, therefore, that there is every reason to expect lower wheat prices in the relatively near future. This view, I believe, the men in charge of the affairs of the Food Administration will share."

LIVED IN FRANCE; LOVED U. S.

Woman, in Will, Desired to Retain Citizenship Here.

A residence in France of fifty-one years during which time she twice saw the country invaded by a foreign Power, did not lessen the affection Mrs. Caroline Chachard had for the United States. This is shown by her will, which was filed yesterday in the Surrogate's office she specified in her will that she retained her American citizenship and desired the instrument executed in accordance with the laws of New York State.

Mrs. Chachard died in Paris in April, 1917, while living with her son, Henry and Edward Chachard, New York. Her New York estate consists of improved realty at 20 West Forty-second street, appraised at \$240,000 by the State Comptroller, and her sons will share this equally.

WAR INSURANCE GETS HELP.

Bureau Receives Money From Wilson's Emergency Fund.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Financial stringency of the War Risk Insurance Bureau was relieved to-day by a grant from President Wilson to Secretary Glass saying the President had made an allotment from his emergency war fund to pay expenses of the bureau until Congress appropriates at the next session. The amount allotted was not specified.

Treasury officials have estimated a little more than \$2,000,000 will be needed to pay the bureau's expenses until the middle of May, when Congress may be called in special session.

This action of the President means that there is no immediate danger of allotment and allowance checks or remittances for insurance or compensation being held up by a forced reduction of clerical help within the bureau.

FINDS TERMINAL IS A CARRIER.

Supreme Court Reverses Opinion of Lower Tribunal.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Federal Court opinions holding that the Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal is not a common carrier and that the Federal Commerce Commission has no jurisdiction to regulate that any real estate owned by the terminal was reversed by the Supreme Court to-day.

The action was on appeals taken by the Government in proceedings brought to secure judgments for four alleged violations of that act.

DOG SETTLES CASE OF HIS OWNERSHIP

Terrier Growls at Woman Who Claims Him.

Princess Peggy, a prize winning Yorkshire terrier with a pedigree which runs back through sixty-two distinguished ancestors, merely growled at Mrs. Dora Galvin of 1445 Fifth avenue, when the latter approached her before Magistrate Ringel in the Harlem court yesterday and called out, "Bootsie, Bootsie," in an ingratiating tone. Bootsie is the name of a Yorkshire terrier that Mrs. Galvin told the court possessed mysteriously from her home March 18. But the dog snuggled close to Maxwell A. Ratner, a steel and iron broker of 100 Broadway, who also claimed ownership of the terrier. Mrs. Galvin refused to interfere. He advised Mrs. Galvin to begin civil suit if she wished to pursue the matter further. Mr. Ratner, who said he bought the Princess from a Canadian dog dealer about six months ago, explained that it had won three blue ribbons and a special ribbon at the Terriers' Association show at the Park Avenue Hotel and that it was a lineal descendant of the famous Hootens Rowley, champion terrier of England for a number of years. Princess was declared the winner's bench and listened modestly to Ratner's recital of its virtues.

Ratner said he took the dog out to see St. Patrick's Day parade and that they were standing at Fifth avenue and 118th street when the Princess began barking at the marchers. Mrs. Galvin, who said she recognized her missing Bootsie by the Princess's "musical bark" and demanded possession. When Ratner refused to give up the dog, she declared she recognized her missing Bootsie by the Princess's "musical bark" and demanded possession. When Ratner refused to give up the dog, she declared she recognized her missing Bootsie by the Princess's "musical bark" and demanded possession.

Ratner brought Nicholas of Rumson, another pedigree Yorkshire, into the courtroom yesterday, but Mrs. Galvin paid no attention whatever to it. She would recognize the Princess as her Bootsie among a hundred prize winners, she said.

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NEW YORK OFFER TO BRASIL.

RIO JANEIRO, March 24.—Domenico da Gama, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has received an offer from a New York corporation to build a shipyard in Brazil for the construction of concrete vessels.

COURT RULES 87 IS NOT TOO OLD TO WED

Hart Loses Suit to Annul Marriage to Pretty Manicurist of 19 Years.

DESERPTION ACTION NEXT

Bride of Less Than Month Retains Lien on Her Aged Husband's Fortune.

The efforts of James Hervey Hart, 87 years old and wealthy, to invalidate his romantic marriage last spring to blonde Katie Wolf Hart, nineteen-year-old manicurist, have failed.

Supreme Court Justice Benedict in Brooklyn refused yesterday to grant his request for an annulment of the marriage and demanded his complaint. It was Hart's unique contention that he was too old to marry, but that he only realized it after the marriage had taken place.

"This case," said Justice Benedict, "is said by counsel to be the first of its kind in the history of jurisprudence. Without indulging in any remarks of a moralizing nature, I may say that I hope for the credit of our civilization that it may be the last."

Counter Suit to Be Tried Soon.

Had Mrs. Hart lost her case, her husband by court action, she also would have lost an interest of about \$100,000 in the estate, the really alone of which amounts to over \$300,000. Her separation suit, in which she charges desertion and abandonment, is now before the Supreme Court for adjudication and is on the calendar for next Monday.

The old gentleman's courtship last May was swift and ardent. Pretty Katie was manicurist in the barber shop at 1873 Broadway, and Hart owned the building. They became acquainted. She manicured his nails and he proposed, all in a few weeks.

"See mother," she replied demurely, and he did.

Marital Bliss Is Brief.

On May 8 they were married. Away they went to Atlantic City, the boardwalk and roller chairs, to Lakewood and then back to Brooklyn, first to 1 South Elliott place, where lived the bridegroom's grown daughters, and afterward to 837 Monroe street, where they were to settle down to marital bliss. The bride's mother lived up stairs. It lasted less than a month, according to Mrs. Hart. Her husband complained of some dizziness, but on his hat and coat and left her, saying:

"I don't want to have any more to do with you."

That, added Mrs. Hart, was on May 24. Hart was back to his daughters and commenced this suit, asserting that because of his age the marriage should be annulled.

In his ruling Justice Benedict declared that age alone was not the determining factor. Although the husband said he was too old, the court indicated that in marrying he was "voluntarily not alienated by a desire for a platonic companionship with a woman nearly his own age to make a home for him in his declining years."

The Nation's Honor Roll

ARMY.	Reported March 24.	Total to date.
Killed in action (including 881 at sea).....	26	31,946
Died of wounds.....	4	18,366
Died of disease.....	45	21,871
Died of accident and other causes.....	49	3,674
Wounded in action.....	190	198,774
Missing in action (not including prisoners released and returned).....	2	5,407
Totals.....	316	270,030
(Corrected according to latest War Department figures.)		
MARINES.	Reported March 24.	Total to date.
Deaths, all causes.....	2	2,426
Wounded.....	1	8,232
Missing in action (including prisoners).....	1	266
Totals.....	4	5,924
(Corrected according to latest Marine Corps figures.)		

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The following casualties have been made public by the War Department:

ARMY.

(Night Report).

Character of casualties is indicated thus: (K) killed in action; (D) died of wounds; (DA) died of accident or other causes; (DD) died of disease; (W) wounded severely; (WA) wounded and returned; (M) missing; (P) prisoner.

NEW YORK CITY.

DUVAL, Frank B., Y. M. C. A. secretary, 147 Madison ave. (DD).

ALEXANDER, Sidney E., 418 E. 89th st. (WS).

BLUMFELD, Louis W., 81 Glenmore av. (WS).

FELDMANN, Roy E., 444 Fortth st. (WS).

FREEDMAN, Emanuel, 219 Bristol st. (WS).

LIBERT, Joseph, 212 68th st. (WS).

ZUCKERMAN, Jacob, 212 68th st. (WS).

ALABAMA.

WILLIAMS, Frank, Capt. (WS).

DEAL, Walter D., Porch (WS).

FOULNER, Bennie Archibald, Pratt City (WS).

SACHE, Charles M., Montgomery (WS).

ARIZONA.

LE SUEUR, Rubin, corp. (WS).

DAVIS, E. G., Earle (WS).

SEAMAN, Paul, Black Rock (WS).

CALIFORNIA.

ARMISTEAD, Charles F., Capt. (WS).

POCKETT, case, corp. (WS).

CHANE, Frank, Berkeley (WS).

LEYDECKER, Charles, Alameda (WS).

MORALE, William, Pueno (WS).

 PICKETT, Jesse, corp. (WS). |